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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: AERIAL SURVEY

1. SUMMARY. PAKS SHOWED STRONG INTEREST IN MULTI-SPECTRAL AERIAL SURVEY TECHNOLOGY DESCRIBED BY SHELDON AND INDICATED BELIEF THAT SYSTEM COULD BE APPLIED TO PAKISTAN. PAK AIR FORCE (PAF) SUGGESTED THAT OPERATION BE RUN OUT OF PESHAWAR USING RT-33 JET TRAINER. IF PROJECT MATERIALIZES, COMPLETE USG ACCESS TO RAW DATA BASE RESULTING FROM SURVEY WILL HAVE TO BE GUARANTEED IN AGREEMENT, AS GOP INSISTS THAT IT COULD NOT TURN OVER IMAGERY TO USG. SHELDON RECOMMENDED THAT GOP CONSIDER COVERAGE OF VIRTUALLY ALL OF NWFP, RATHER THAN RESTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY TO KNOWN AND SUSPECTED POPPY AREAS, AND GOP REPS SEEMED RECEPTIVE. USAID OFFICER PLANS DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF COMBINING POPPY SURVEILLANCE WITH BROADER ECONOMIC SURVEY DURING UPCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON, END SUMMARY.

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2. DR. DONALD SHELDON, CHIEF OF DEA ADVANCED TECH-

NOLOGY DIVISION, VISITED PAKISTAN MARCH 25 THROUGH 29, MEETING WITH PNCB CHAIRMAN ORAKZAI AND STAFF, AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM SURVEY OF PAKISTAN, FORESTRY DIVISION, AND PAK AIR FORCE. SHELDON ALSO MADE FIELD TRIP TO POPPY GROWING AREA IN MARDAN DISTRICT. PAKS SHOWED STRONG INTEREST IN TECHNOLOGY DESCRIBED BY SHELDON AND ANTICIPATED NO SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS IN APPLYING SYSTEM TO PAKISTAN.

3. PHOTOGRAPHY AND PROCESSING. PAK AIR FORCE (PAF) SUGGESTED THAT PAF RT-33 JET TRAINER OPERATING OUT OF PESHAWAR BE UTILIZED FOR PHOTOGRAPHY AND THAT EQUIPMENT FOR DEVELOPING AND PROCESSING BE HOUSED AT PAF FACILITIES IN PESHAWAR.

4. AREA. PAKS SUGGESTED PHOTOGRAPHY SHOULD COVER 2,500 SQ. MILES AREA OF KNOWN AND SUSPECTED POPPY CULTIVATION. SHELDON RECOMMENDED THAT GOP THINK IN TERMS OF BLANKET COVERAGE OF MOST OF NWFP, AS AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY LIKELY TO TURN UP AREAS OF CULTIVATION NOT PREVIOUSLY SUSPECTED. PAKS SHOWED RECEPTIVITY TO BROADER COVERAGE BUT INDICATED THAT COST WOULD BE MAJOR FACTOR. PAF REP CLAIMED THAT GOP POLICY PRECLUDES FLIGHTS WITHIN TEN MILE STRIP ALONG AFGHAN BORDER, WHICH WOULD THEREFORE NOT BE COVERED AS SYSTEM PERMITS ONLY VERTICAL AND NOT OBLIQUE PHOTOGRAPHY. THIS WOULD ELIMINATE MUCH OF TRIBAL AREA COVERAGE, INCLUDING IMPORTANT MOHMAND

AGENCY, BUT WOULD NOT AFFECT TIRAH AREA OF KHYBER AGENCY, BELIEVED TO BE MOST INTENSIVE CULTIVATION AREA IN TRIBAL BELT. HOWEVER, WE INTEND TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF GETTING THIS RESTRICTION LIFTED.

5. ACCESS. GOP REPS INSISTED THAT THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE USG WITH COPIES OF IMAGERY RESULTING FROM PHOTOGRAPHY, SINCE GOP POLICY FORBIDS EXPORT OF HIGHLY DETAILED MAPS. HOWEVER, THEY AGREED THAT MISSION PERSONNEL WOULD HAVE COMPLETE ACCESS TO IMAGERY IN COUNTRY. ASSURANCES OF FULL AND COMPLETE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCESS TO DATA BASE IN ORDER THAT RELEVANT STATISTICAL EXTRAPOLATIONS AND ANALYSES MAY BE CONDUCTED BY USG PERSONNEL REQUIRE MORE THOROUGH DISCUSSION AND SAFEGUARDING IN PROJECT AGREEMENT.

6. SHELDON INFORMED PAKS THAT HE WOULD REQUIRE MAPS ON SCALE OF 1:250,000 IN ORDER TO HAVE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS UPON HIS RETURN TO

WASHINGTON ABOUT TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY OF PROJECT.  
PNCB HAS ORDERED MAPS FROM SURVEY OF PAKISTAN AND IS  
SEEKING CLEARANCES NECESSARY TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL OF  
MAPS TO SHELDON ON PRIORITY BASIS. WE ARE FOLLOWING UP.

7. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS GOP OFFICIALS EXPRESSED  
INTEREST IN POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING SCOPE OF PHOTO-  
GRAPHY TO ALLOW COVERAGE OF OTHER AGRICULTURAL AND  
GEOLOGICAL FEATURES IN NWFP. WHILE WE ARE UNCERTAIN  
OF FEASIBILITY OF SUCH A COMBINATION, IDEA HAS ATTRACT-  
IVENESS FOR BOTH PAKS AND FOR US. COMBINATION WOULD  
MAKE IT EASIER TO PERSUADE GOP TO AGREE TO VIRTUALLY  
FULL COVERAGE OF PROVINCE, WHICH WOULD INSURE THAT  
POPPY AREAS NOW UNSUSPECTED ARE NOT OMITTED. AT SAME  
TIME BROADER SUBJECT MATTER COVERAGE COULD PAY DIVI-  
DENDS TO GOP (AND USAID) IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC PLANNING  
AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT. NEWBERG, USAID ASST. DIR.  
FOR AGRICULTURE, SCHEDULED ARRIVE WASHINGTON APRIL 6,  
PLANS TO DISCUSS THIS POSSIBILITY IN DETAIL WITH AID,  
DEA, AND STATE OFFICIALS.  
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